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I Saw God Wash the World

I saw God wash the world last night
With His sweet showers on high;
And then when morning came
I saw Him hang it out to dry.

He washed each slender blade of grass
And every trembling tree;
He flung His showers against the hills
And swept the rolling sea.

The white rose is a deeper white;
The red, a richer red
Since God washed every fragrant face
And put them all to bed.

There's not a bird, there's not a bee
That wings along the way,
But is a cleaner bird and bee
Than it was yesterday.

I saw God wash the world last night;
Ah, would He had washed me
As clean of all my dust and dirt
As that old white birch tree!

William L. Stidger.

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Meditation

"Dear Father of men and nations, we raise our voices in this morning prayer along with the voices of thousands of others at this hour, ministers and priests and rabbis and teachers and leaders, all of whom will thank Thee this day for America, and we join our voices with them, but even our thankfulness is not enough. We must not pray the prayer of the Pharisee, we do not pray that we are glad we are not like other men or other nations, our prayer is a world prayer, we pray that some time the whole world may know freedom and peace again. Let the prayer, this prayer, in its inclusiveness, contain every other need we have.

Bless the ill, the discouraged, the heartsick, the disillusioned and the sorrowing, and in a very true sense, not glibly but deeply, God, —God, bless America this day. God, bless every man in authority: the President of the United States, every member of the Congress, every member of the Cabinet, the Governor of every State, the Mayor of every City. In this hour help us all to rise above hate and animosity for the higher good of the freedom we have.

And we ask it in the spirit, as near as we can sense that spirit, of true prayer, a spirit which lingers in the world and in the hearts of men as they have turned to the model and from it has been designed the patterns for all prayer, His prayer, the prayer of the Prince of Peace:

'Our Father, who art in heaven, — — —'."

"PATRIOTISM IS NOT ENOUGH"

Sermon by Dr. Preston Bradley, Pastor of The Peoples Church of Chicago, May 18, 1941

"For the first time in my lifetime, and I think for the first time in your lifetime, something which we have learned to call, sometimes quite glibly and unthinkingly, by the name of 'democracy' is on the defensive. I hesitate to use the word 'defensive' as applicable or descriptive of the present situation in which democracy finds itself because it connotates a certain military conception which I do no thave in mind. But democracy is today, not only in Europe and in the other nations of the world, but quite as definitely in the United States of America, on the defensive. It has approached that period in its development as a social philosophy to maintain the stability and equilibrium of human society, whereby it must once more restate and reevaluate its own right to live. That is a condition which has been imposed upon democratic philosophy by myriads of contributory factors, and the thoughtful and critical

person who wants to make the highest contribution which they possibly can to the perpetuity of the democratic ideal has something to shoot at, for human society, as a goal toward which we can look with realization and achievement, must now bravely and heroically do some rethinking and some re-evaluating.

In the early years of my life democracy was never questioned, it was accepted. No one ever dreamed or anticipated that there could arise any possible emergency or that any economic or industrial influence or condition could ever possibly develop which would result in bringing such a serious challenge to the righteousness of democracy as to impede its survival or impair its character. We accepted democracy, we believed in it, our school histories taught the invincibility of democracy. In my own student days in the High School when I was studying civics and political science and these other kindred subjects which were in the curricula of the schools of the period, the subject was never treated with any attitude that there possibly could be anything defective about democracy; we thought of it as wholly and totally perfect, something which had been conceived in the mind of man and something which various nations, down through the centuries, had attempted to give pragmatic form in the relations between themselves and among their citizens. No one of any importance ever seriously attacked the basic principle of democracy. There were certain voices raised in protest against what some of our social prophets could see as the great challenge against democracy by economic iniquity and that resulted in the crystallization of certain contributory influences in our democratic society which resulted in organizations like Unions and certain political and economic protests on the part of certain kinds of political parties which arose during the lifetime of the nation. There was always this undercurrent of a justified critical examination, but no one, whether Socialist, Republican, Democrat, Catholic, Protestant, no matter who they were, ever questioned democracy—underneath it all was the general fundamental basis that democracy could triumph, would triumph, and that there was not a possibility of thinking that anything connected with it as an imperative philosophy was at all derogatory to human welfare. We were grounded and drilled in the great enunciations and the fundamental philosophy of the great Constitutionalists who were the fathers of the country. Now all that has changed and everywhere in the world democracy is under indictment. Every nation on earth has divided itself into one of two groups with a possible place for a third grouping, but for general purposes and a careful examination of what is in my thought this morning we can quite naturally classify them into two groups.

There is one group, of course, which has arrived at the conclusion that one of the most tragic failures of human history is the failure of man to execute, properly and adequately, a system of government which he calls democracy and which could be sufficiently established as a right working principle in human society as to answer all his spiritual, intellectual and physical needs. Most of the world has repudiated that attitude, and we find that those nations of the world who were in the tradition of the democratic experiment are now occupied by the nations whose attitude is contrary to this fundamental principle.

On the other side there is the group of the remnant of the earth, and a remnant which is becoming more and more limited in every hour of history in its ability to maintain this program as a world principle, who believe that democracy can be validated, that it has the essence of righteousness, and

because it possesses the essence of righteousness there is no enemy that can be rasied against it which will finally succeed in annihilating its perpetuity, which itself is on the defensive.

I think there is no finer occasion than this day, in which we can carefully weigh and attempt analytically to wend our thought into this intricate pattern of modern society and see if we can make a new evaluation of a democratic imperative so that each of us—on a day which is being devoted to the reception and to the honoring of those who have become new citizens of this nation either by taking their papers and becoming citizens as three hundred thousand aliens have in the United States the past year, or whether they have become of age as two and a half millions of young people have in the past year,—may see if we can establish what can be our attitude on a day in which we are emphasizing the eternal aspect of democracy by our heroism in daring to look into the past, recognize our mistakes, acknowledge those mistakes and use them as the basis for future construction and building.

To me, that is essential; I think it is vastly more important than uttering a lot of bromidic generalities or glittering platitudes about democracy, and I think it is possible for us to distinguish with an uncanny degree of accuracy where democracy has made its mistakes, and then be truly patriotic,—not a blind patriotism, which is never enough,—just patriotism is never enough, when democracy is involved, for you see democracy is the most dangerous form of government which has ever been devised; dangerous because the very nature of it grants to the individuals of the society a certain will and permits them a certain individual freedom which no other form of government dare do.

Democracy says to you and to me: 'I am not interested in what God you worship', and you may not worship any God, and democracy knows that freedom of worship grants the freedom not to worship. Freedom of worship does not merely mean that I am free to worship any God I choose and that you are free to worship any God you choose, but it also means that the individual who chooses to worship no God has just as much freedom as you who have a right to worship any God. I cannot compel you to worship; no government can compel you to worship; if you do not choose to worship. That is your business and you are to be left just as free in that, as you are free to worship any God you please, when you choose to worship.

Please see my point there. Before you start a deluge of letters I want you first to know that you heard what I said, and that after hearing it I hope understand it, because I am trying to make it as clear as I can and it is not particularly easy.

Now these guarantees of what have come to be known as freedom are utterly worthless unless they can be correlated to the entire pattern of human life. It is of little importance for this world any longer to merely have free speech and a free press, and free worship, and yet to have people live in a slum or be denied the right to vote, or any other impairment of the fundamental principle of freedom. These other more or less abstract crystallizations of the idea of democracy are of little value alone. That is why I was astounded and amazed, because it was an affirmation of a point of view which I have been developing as I have been trying to look at this problem of democracy thoughtfully and not merely bombastically with a lot of extravagant phrases, to hear the editor of one of Chicago's most important newspapers say quite recently in fact within a week, that a recent copy of the London Economist, and the London Economist is

a newspaper which speaks in London with the same authority as our journals and economic and financial papers which speak for Wall Street and LaSalle Street in America; it is an ultra conservative paper, one of the most conservative in Great Britain, and the editor of the London Economist wrote an editorial in which he said that after this war, win or lose, as far as Great Britain was concerned, never again could any democracy talk about the right of habeas corpus and not at the same time preserve the home and the right of the home—to a decent economic environment, is what he meant.

In other words, we can never separate again the right of habeas corpus and expect man to live in poverty and in unemployment and in disease and with the cancer of a wrong economic and industrial constituency eating at his very soul.

In other words, never again will any democracy, and it does not depend upon the outcome merely of a war, I am speaking against the background of war, but the point I am trying to make is this: that democracies are where they are today because without exception we did not create industrial democracy at the same time we were maintaining and projecting political democracy. And this is true of the democracies of the world; there are no exceptions, France possibly is the most glittering example in Europe, Great Britain is next, and the most glittering example in the western world is the United States of America! All the strikes and all the relief and the whole thing that has been settling down upon this nation and the difficulty which we are in now, and it is grave difficulty; if you are honest and not merely impulsively loyal and feel that patriotism is all complete when you stand up when the flag goes by, or put your hand upon your heart, and then go out and gouge your neighbor and cheat at every opportunity you have. . . .if you are honest enough now, America, to admit that you have created along side of a political democracy an economic hierarchy which has all but ruined our democracy and are now ready to do something about that, then your future is secure; your security as a political democracy is not important for the political democracy will fail unless you bring something more than a blatant patriotism which blinds and under the blanket emotions of mere loyalty will do disturbing and vile economic and industrial sins!

Now, this is not pleasant and it is quite contrary to the usually accepted attitude of things. I think it is very fundamental, and I think if you are truly honest with this problem all of us will admit it: the danger to which democracy is now exposed is not because of any philosophical ethics of democracy; you cannot impugn the ethics of democracy; that mind has never yet thought that could bring any serious attack upon the ethics or moralities of democracy. There is no valid argument against freedom. Man, in the very pattern of the cosmos, breathes the will to be free with the first breath which he draws as he leaves his mother's body, and that's universal. Man turns to the spirit of freedom as naturally as he turns to food and water. You cannot deny that.

And then a little farther along the way there is introduced into the tragedy of man's effort to be free, man's greed, his avarice, his willingness to climb to heights of power over the broken and crushed bodies of his fellows in his obeisance to the law of profit, his anxiety for financial or social power, and on his march to this kind of power there is little concern about how he gets it, he has no conscience about it, does not care; his philosophy is 'The end justifies the means, anything, so long as I get it' and that was spread out into nations, and I could in-

dict historically, and not be successfully refuted by any careful student of modern history that that is the exact history of the modern democractic nations. You ask proof of that? I can give it to you.

RUSSIA! RUSSIA! Most Americans have forgotten that when the Czar of Russia abdicated the throne of Russia it was not as a result of any Communistic revolution. Most Americans have the conception that the whole trouble of Russia was because of the Communists and Communism. Why, when the Czar of Russia left the throne of Russia and that March revolution took place in 1917, Trotzky was editing a foreign newspaper in New York City and Lenin was making speeches on soap boxes in Geneva, Switzerland. They were not in Russia in that hour of the collapse of the hierarchy of the relationship between the Church and State in Russia, when lamentable ignorance and superstition hung over the serfs and kulaks in Russia so that 86 per cent of the people of Russia could neither read nor write their own language and were held down in superstition and fear, while the Imperial Court of St. Petersburg was the most corrupt in Europe, and that Court was being influenced by a mad monk by the name of Rasputin. You are familiar with that!

A young man was then the head of the Russian people, his name was Alexander Kerensky. He was not a Communist, he never was a Communist, and there is now an offer of $25,000 upon the head of Alexander Kerensky, if he is dead or alive anywhere within the Soviet Republics of Russia. Alexander Kerensky led that great protest of the Russian people and the Czar abdicated, and Kerensky said: 'I understand the evolution of democracy. The Russian people are illiterate, they are not ready for the responsibilities of democracy, they have no tradition of freedom, but let's do the best we can with what we have.' And Kerensky gave the people of Russia a Constitution, and that Constitution was a replica of the Constitution of the United States of America, and it provided for the duma, and upper and lower house, and Kerensky surrounded himself with Professor Miliukov,as first Foreign Secretary of that government, ,a scholar and a great mind of the period, and other men of character, and they attempted to go to the Russian people and they attempted to implement them with the principles of democracy and constitutional government. Kerensky then went to Great Britain and he went to the great Republic of France, and he came to the United States of America, and he said to these great and powerful democracies . . . . O, they were great then, they were powerful! They had won and were to make the world, which included Russia, safe for the democratic experiment. . . .the democracies of the world!

And what did the British Empire do then, and what did the Republic of France do then, and what did the United States of America do then? We turned our backs upon that little all but stillborn infant of democracy in Europe and we refused. . . . the democracies of the nations, refused then to help Russia! Why? Because we thought of profits and dollars, as indeed did every democracy of the world. It was then that in a sealed railroad coach there crossed out of Switzerland to Germany, Lenin; and Trotzky took a ship from New York City for St .Petersburg, and it was then that these men shouted from the public forum, from the Red Square, to the wastes of the frontier: 'Democracy! Look what they have done to you! Did they care? You were struggling and poor and ignorant, and France and England and America have done nothing for you, illiterate ignorant Russians! Now, we come, Karl Marx, Lenin, and we have the answer—

COMMUNISM!—and we will drive every democracy off the face of the earth in an international revolution of the proletariat!'

That was the beginning of Communism, constructed on the failure of the democracies to help when help would have been possible. Russia—there is an example of what I have said. And what about Germany? Now that Hitler has every nation in the world quaking and trembling in their shoes, and nobody knows what he will do next, with the international situation deepening every 24 hours, with the most serious thing that has happened yet thus far in probably the complete surrender of the Vichy government to Hitler which may result in the occupation of Dakar which leaves Hitler only 1800 miles from the coast of Brazil and with the democracies of the world trying to find an answer and a way. What about Germany, when in that hour at the close of the war with Germany when a revolution occurred and her Kaiser abdicated, and in Holland starvation and hunger throughout the land, while bombing planes were dropping out of the sky, not bombs, but pamphlets in the German language and they were the speeches of Abraham Lincoln, and Germans all over Germany, and particularly the intellectuals at the University of Heidelberg and Leipzig and Berlin were beginning to say to themselves 'What is this democracy? Perhaps we had better investigate it.' And they did, and the German people in that hour adopted a constitution called the Constitution of Weimar, and they elected, in the tradition of the 'rail splitter' a harness-maker by the name of Ebert as the first President of the new democracy of Germany. Hitler was not known, nobody had ever dreamed of him. During the hour of which I speak, Naziism and Fascism were unknown, they had no influence or power anywhere; Hitler was uttrely unknown. Ebert, under the Constitution of Weimar, tried to bring Germany a constitution and a democracy.

Again I say, and I say it without any fear of a justified criticism,—I have history on my side,—here again I say, that it was at that time that we of the democratic nations, strong British Empire then, and great France then in the flush of victory, the United States a great nation, then it was that we put an economic and an industrial bondage upon 80 million Central Europeans, and like it or not, ladies and gentlemen, we gave the world in that hour the most unworkable, the most impracticable, the most impossible economic plan that was ever designed by victor nations over the conquered: we gave something called the 'Dawes Plan' and it brought about the economic and industrial collapse of central Europe, and then came Hitler, and then came Mussolini, and then came Stalin! Democracy sowed to the wind twenty years ago in Europe and today it is reaping the whirlwind! An inevitable law of civilization. And democracies in some of these points were making themselves rich and powerful by selling munitions of war and building militarism in other nations, because democracy thought it could be strong only by profits which went into its pockets. Now the tide has turned, civilization has staked its tents, it is on the march, and this hour for America is our most grave hour!

Patriotism is not enough now. America to live and become the classic example of freedom and liberty must not now make the inevitable mistake of thinking that we can send our resources and our lives into another world catastrophe which will only result in losing for ourselves that which we hope to save for another!

Therefore, I am opposed to that; opposed because I believe in democracy, opposed because I despise everything that Adolf Hitler stands for, opposed because I want democracy to live, and I want

it to come back again and flourish in the nations of the earth. Profiting by our mistakes, and profiting by its past this nation can help democracy, the remnant of it which is left, in every nation of the world!

Food? Yes! Ships, iron, coal, wheat, oil? Yes! But **NOT WAR!** For if this nation goes to war we will impede the very cause that we seek to help. Japan at the door, the Navy in the Orient! A declaration of war now on the part of the United States Government would crystallize the whole activity of America with our American problem which indeed is great, and we would be able to do less for democracy than we can by remaining at peace.

Let those who have the responsibility of this hour, let them realize to the very depths the significance of this hour! No war, Mr. President, it is not men, it is resources. Let me repeat what I have said before, if the democracies can last until September, Naziism will crack! It is cracking now! You don't know the half of the truth of the significance of Hess! It is smashing, it is cracking, it is MAD! And before we think of war let us think of democracy!

That, ladies and gentlemen, is my position. If it costs me your friendship, I am sorry, but you would not expect me to be anything but honest to myself. I am opposed utterly, on this day of patriotism, to the United States of America entering this war! It is an hour, and think it through, it is an hour comparable to that other hour in our own early history when our capital was at Philadelphia, the Senate was in session, they were arguing, and one of the senators arose and said: 'Mr. President, it is growing dark, I think we had better adjourn this matter until tomorrow.' Another senator jumped to his feet and said: 'Mr. President, it is growing dark. Let us bring in the candles'."

SPRINGTIME IN A GARDEN

Grace T. Bradley

To arrive again at our Island home — after the long winter months of dreaming about it—to find everything intact,—birches in new leaf of spring green, tall pines swaying in the wind, birds singing in tuneful haste to become established in all the little houses —(both old and new ones)—and to be greeted by Anna and the three dogs as our boat reaches dock—is a thrill that no words can describe. That first "look-around" which is so satisfying to the hunger that has nestled in the heart since last fall.

There were more than a few surprises in store. Never have I (or the oldest residents hereabout) known spring to come so early to this North country. Scarcely could I believe my eyes when I went out to inspect the garden before I sat down in the house or removed my hat. The lilacs were in bud, delphiniums were more than two feet high, as were all other perennials; and for the first time in all these twenty-four years I have seen the bud and blossoms of springtime up here. I have missed the blooming of the Indian plums, white as snow and a joy to behold, for I was told they had been in full bloom when two days previous a storm had carried away the blossoms. Everything has come three weeks early and the garden seems to be marching rapidly into summer.

The weather was very warm that day we arrived, and we ate our first meal on the porch. That, too, is something that never has

happened before upon arrival, for usually there is a log burning in the fireplace in the living room, and the breakfast nook in the kitchen is the coziest place to eat!

Since that happy day of returning to the Island, the lilacs have come into full bloom, very large and extremely beautiful. Columbine are in bud, ready to open their eyes any moment, and my little bed of lily-of-the-valley is abloom with sprays of dainty grace. I haven't many — but I prize every spray. A few sprays in a small vase on the table before me capture my senses with their loveliness and perfume: the most exquisite gift my garden presents to me out of the entire season, I actually believe.

The pansies are planted and are large and colorful. I always buy pansies ready to set out — they seem to prove more satisfactory. Anna and I have planted many packets of seeds—petunias—calendulas — zinnias — marigolds —bachelor buttons — cosmos — and numerous others, all patted down and marked with little green markers, with the variety written in a space provided for it. So trim and "house-cleaned" the garden looks — with nothing to do but wait for the tiny tips of green to break through the earth which we sprinkle carefully every day. I do not know of anything that gives keener enjoyment or more beautiful results for the labor. I am so sorry for people who do not know the enjoyment of a garden. To kneel on the ground and dig with a trowel into the warm soft earth, and breathe the sweet aroma which arises, a scent like flowers — and yet like unto none of them!

The unseasonable summer weather lasted a few days, then dropped to 43°. I heard over the radio yesterday that the temperature in Chicago was 90°. Whew! It was 43° here and today 50°. In a day or two it will be warm again. When this is printed it will be June—the Iris will be blooming — Columbine — sweet rocket —daisies — forget-me-nots, and one of the loveliest of all, wild roses, will be in profusion all over the Island. I must remember there is limited space, and not run riot trying to tell everything about this glorious hobby of mine — the garden!

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SPRING LUNCHEON OF THE WOMAN'S CLUB

To enter the South Dining Room of the Edgewater Beach Hotel where the Spring Luncheon of the Woman's Club was held was an artistic and visual treat. Thousands of cherry blossoms and festoons of rosebuds and green leaves swaying from the ceiling, cherry trees in bloom lining the walls— (the fact that they were artificial did not lessen their beauty) —and fresh roses on every table! Lights softened by pink shades gave a bewitching glow throughout the room, enhancing the scene of quite indescribable loveliness. A hundred and twenty-five friendly women with smiling faces, wearing gay hats and printed silk gowns, blended harmoniously with the floral decorative scheme. The day was one of summer heat and the room offered comfortable coolness. A Spring Luncheon could not have a more beautiful setting, and it surely must have added much to the enjoyment of every person present.

Guests of Honor at the speakers' table included Mrs. J. J. Reynolds, vice-president of the trustees of the Peoples Church and past-president of the Club and also of the Ninth District; Mrs. Walter Hermsdorf, past-president of the Club and retiring president of the Ninth District; Mrs. Charles Krutchkoff, Chairman of the administrative Board of the Chicago Chapter of the American Red

Cross, Dr. and Mrs. Preston Bradley, Mrs. H. W. Hartough, pres. of Chicago and Cook County Federation of Woman's Clubs; Mr. J. Bradley-Griffin, Director of the Uptown Players and head of the J. Bradley-Griffin School of Speech; the new directors of the Woman's Club, Mrs. James Stoker, Mrs. John Wohlfarth and Mrs. Frank Bryan; Mrs. William T. Bruckner, president of the Illinois Federation, had accepted the invitation to be an honor guest but was ill and could not attend. Officers and directors of the Club were also seated at the speakers' table.

Mrs. R. W. Lee, the president, presided and gave the address of welcome to members and guests. Mrs. Clyde Bassler, program chairman, presented the program with most gracious introductions of all who participated, — speakers and artists.

Mr. Bradley-Griffin read a group of poems especially expressive of spring, and Mabel Menghini, soprano, sang several times. Mrs. Hermsdorf, Mrs. Krutchkoff, Mrs. Hartough and Mrs. Bradley all spoke briefly. Dr. Bradley gave the main address of the afternoon.

Mrs. Whitman, vice-president of the Club, was chairman of the luncheon and spokesman in presenting Mrs. Lee with a gift of appreciation from the Club. The gift was not opened at the table, but later proved to be a very dainty silk house-coat.

The Woman's Club thus closed the year's program May 5th, 1941.

There are a few parties planned to bring members together who remain in the city during the summer. While enjoying these social meetings, plans also will be discussed for the bazaar and the work of the coming season.

A card party is announced for June 2nd in the Field House at Gompers Park. Red Cross work will be carried on during the summer.

Mrs. Reynolds and Mrs. Lee attended the convention of the General Federation of Woman's Clubs held in Atlantic City the week of May 18th, and their written reports will be read at the first regular meeting in the fall.

Vacation days are here again. Many of us will be separated for the summer months. No one knows what may take place before our church and club convene again. But wherever we are let us—every one of us—resolve to embrace every opportunity to get out of doors in the fresh air and sunshine, to enjoy the beauty of nature, which is God's gift to us, strengthen our bodies and clear our minds, that we may be better able to perform whatever task lies ahead.

YOUNG PEOPLES CLUB

Round Table Discussions

Aware of the conflict and confusion of ideas in which the young people of today find themselves involved as a result of the drastic changes taking place all over the world in government, religion, education, business ethics, and social relationships in general, the Young Peoples Club of our church has recently inaugurated a new type of program designed to create a better understanding of the kind of world in which we want to live.

Recognizing the fact that a number of people are apt to be timid and suffer stage-fright when addressing an audience, even though these same individuals may have a real message or worthwhile idea to convey, we have planned our meetings in the manner of informal round-table discussions covering a wide range of subjects. As a result, our members have unanimously agreed that some of the most interesting memories of the past year will be the evenings

when the Young Peoples Club discussed such questions as "How Can Young People Best Serve Their Community?" — "What Does Being a Christian Mean?" and "A Comparison of Political Party Platforms."

Our subject is announced a week or so previous to the meeting and each member is urged to give some consideration to the matter before the evening of the discussion — either by reading up on pertinent information, or talking it over with friends, or in some way giving thought to the question during the week — and then when the round-table discussion begins everyone has an equal chance to state his or her views, ask questions, etc. On occasions when there is a member present who is particularly well-informed on the subject of the evening, that person is asked to lead the discussion by a few introductory remarks, taking not more than three or four minutes. No one is ever allowed to monopolize the floor — and before the evening is over practically every member has contributed something to the conversation. As our attendance ranges upwards of 30 people at these meetings, it can well be understood that we are privileged to hear many varied views and interesting observations.

These meetings have met with such an enthusiastic response that we have found it agreeable with the members to dispense with some of our lighter social evenings, and substitute discussions and debates instead, all of which has been very encouraging to the officers of our organization, who feel a definite responsibility to the young men and women they represent, and who have been trying to do something constructive and worthwhile with the time at their disposal.

Contrary to the supposition that by attempting to change our program from that of a social entertainment nature to one of intellectual enlightenment, character building, and personality development, we would lose a vast number of our membership, we have been rewarded by an increased interest on the part of those fine young men and women in the Chicago area who have been looking for an organization where they can participate in an exchange of ideas, present their problems and discuss possible solutions. In fact, some of the members are so impressed with the value of this type of "recreation" that they have arranged for discussion-meetings at their homes during the summer months.

The Young Peoples Club extends a cordial welcome to all young men and women who are seeking the companionship of representative American youth. We will be having some outdoor affairs during the summer months, and plans are being made for an outstanding season when the church opens in the fall. We should be pleased to add to our mailing list the names of any young persons interested in joining with us in our various activities.

Caryl M. Peterson.
President.

Professional and Business Woman's Club

The number of members and guests attending the Annual Club Dinner at Tracey's On The Avenue, Saturday evening, May 17th, very appropriately was twice that of their First dinner a year ago. "Fellowship" was stressed as the theme of the evening. Helen Hardin, Program Chairman, introduced the musical program, which was furnished by Mary Thurlow (Mrs. Paul E.), soprano, accompanied by Bernard Helfrich. The invocation was given by Mr. Edward H. Redman, an Honorary Member of the Club.

Guests of honor at the speakers table were Dr. and Mrs. Bradley; Miss Adelaide M. Thomason, Honorary Member of the Club and Chairman of the Education Council of the Church; Mr. Edward H. Redman, newly appointed pastor of the First Unitarian Church at Virginia, Minnesota, and Honorary Member of the Club; Mary Thurlow and Bernard Helfrich; the officers of the Club and the newly elected officers. Regrets had been sent by Mrs. J. J. Reynolds vice-president of the Board of Trustees of the Church and Mrs. R. W. Lee, president of the Woman's Club, as they were both on their way to Atlantic City to attend the Golden Jubilee of the National Federation of Woman's Clubs. Mr. J. Bradley-Griffin director of the Uptown Players, had been obliged to send regrets because of an engagement in Minnesota.

Mrs. Bradley responded to the president's introduction with a few gracious remarks and by request read Ethelyn Wetherald's poem "The House of Trees."

Dr. Bradley was presented with an Honorary Life Membership in the Club, and he and Mrs. Bradley were presented each with a book as a slight token of affection and friendship, the president saying there seemed to be nothing they needed so much as "a book apiece."

Miss Thomason was asked to tell of the work of her Educational Committee in the Woman's Club, as the culmination of the past three years of that work concerned Mr. Edward H. Redman who, as field worker in the church, had so greatly assisted in the organization of the Professional and Business Woman's Club, spending many Sunday afternoons and many evenings with the officers. In her spirited manner, Miss Thomason summarized the work her department had done, stating that for three years they had awarded a scholarship to Mr. Edward H. Redman. Mr. Redman then told of his graduation from Meadville Theological Seminary, of his appointment to the pastorate of the First Unitarian Church at Virginia, Minnesota, and something of the history of this mining town of 10,000 people. The president introduced Mrs. Redman and then on behalf of the club and in her own behalf wished them both much happiness in their life of service.

In introducing Dr. Bradley, Miss Smalley said that after becoming president of the club, she discovered there were two kinds of ministers: one kind who interfered with the various church groups a great deal, not trusting them to do their own work well; the other kind allowing each group in the church free rein in carrying out its purposes. In the latter case, at the close of the church year, that minister heard the excellent reports on the progress of each group which were heard last March at the annual banquet of the Peoples Church of Chicago. Dr. Bradley was then introduced as the second kind of minister who, as a result, made the Peoples Church "The Peoples Church."

Dr. Bradley gave one of his most inspiring addresses, holding the breathless attention of his audience. Though at the end of a week of terrific activity, having addressed some 1500 women at the opening of the I. F. W. A. at the Hotel Sherman, the Western Unitarian Conference, and some 2000 women at the Club Presidents' May Breakfast at the Stevens Hotel, Dr. Bradley gave of his time, thought and energy with as much enthusiasm and generosity as though it were the most important event of the week, urging a continuance of the cultural things of life, which would always be needed, no matter what kind of world we had to live in. The evening closed with the singing of Dr. Bradley's new hymn "Onward To The Future", the words of which were written by him in good old Irish defiance of ASCAP.

(See Church Organizations Calendar for summer activities.)

Report of the Ushers' Club of The Peoples Church As Read at the Annual Meeting of the Church, on March 3rd, 1941

I will, in a few words, advise you of the activities of the Ushers' Club. Our Club is composed of about 30 members and nearly all are active in the work of ushering.

We hold regular monthly meetings, at which time we become better acquainted, discuss work and endeavor to be more efficient.

Our aim is to be courteous and give each attendant at church such a hearty welcome that each will want to return again, and by so doing we work for the perpetuity of the Peoples Church.

We try to have a social affair or two during the season, which enables the ushers and their families to meet. Our outstanding affair, I think, was our travelogue to Mexico, depicted on the screen by beautifully colored pictures and with a musical program consisting of Mexican music and song.

Our great sorrow of the year was the passing away of one of our beloved members, Mr. Chas. W. Vogel, who was an usher for many years. He was always very courteous to all and is greatly missed by the Ushers' Club and in the church.

And now, in closing, in behalf of the Ushers' Club, it gives me great pleasure to present to the church a check in the amount of $50.

All of which is respectfully submitted and I thank you for your attention.

Will M. Cooke,
President Ushers' Club.

Memorial Day A Tradition in The Peoples Church

The Peoples Church was honored on Memorial Sunday, May 25th, in having as a guest Captain Thomas Ambrose, 93-year-old Veteran of the Grand Army of the Republic, who, after a few appropriate remarks, in which he stated his "Gospel of Americanism", read Lincoln's Gettysburg Address in a voice rich with emotion and full of vigor. Dr. Bradley, at the close of his memorial address on "Patriotism Is Not Enough", invited Captain Ambrose to be present one year hence on Memorial Day to again read the Gettysburg address, and Captain Ambrose accepted the invitation.

Among the other guests of the morning were many members of the G. A. R. among them, Comrade at Large Theodore Witte, and Capt. Thomas L. Beem, Chairman Transportation Com. of G. A .R. Memorial Association. Many members of the American Legion were in attendance, Commander Cox of Ad. Post, H. F. Cuzner of Square Post No. 232 and many members of Lake View Post, Ad. Post, Square Post No. 232, Defense Post and Verdun Post No. 472; as well as Mrs. Annabelle Buchan, a member of the Daughters of the Civil War Veterans and member of the Ladies of the Grand Army Woman's Relief Corp; and Annie Follet Nelson, Past Department Patriotic Instructor of Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dorothea Thompson, vice-president of the Professional and Business Woman's Club of the Peoples Church, herself a member of the Daughters of Civil War Veterans, was appointed as the first woman ever to head Veterans' Poppy Day Association of Chicago, for the following Monday, May 26th. She is now Northside field nurse for Municipal Tuberculosis Sanitarium and past commander of Mars sur

Allier Legion post of World War nurses.

Beautiful flowers adorned the church rostrum, presented by Mr. Lawrence Whaley and the Baxter family in loving remembrance of Mr. Rollin B. Organ, of the Grand Army who had been for so many years a loyal member of the church and friend of Dr. Bradley, and who had up until the time of his death read the Lincoln's Gettysburg address each year.

Dr. Bradley pledged the Peoples Church to a Memorial Day Service every year as long as he should live, and said that he regretted the practice was not more general in all churches throughout America.

CHURCH SCHOOL DINNERS

The Church School of Religious Education had two very successful dinners in May, the Fathers and Sons on May 5th and the Mothers and Daughters on May 9th. Both dinners had an unusually large attendance. Dr. Bradley was the guest speaker at the May 5th Dinner and Mrs. R. W. Lee, president of the Woman's Club at the May 9th one.

Miss Betty Boaz presided very graciously at the Mothers and Daughters evening, presenting her many guests from the allied organizations of the church: Mrs. Preston Bradley, Mrs. J. J. Reynolds, vice-president of the Board of Trustess, Mrs. R. W. Lee, president of the Woman's Club, Miss Adelaide M. Thomason, Chairman of the Educational Council, Miss Caryl Peterson, president of the Young Peoples Club and Miss Ethel E. Smalley, president of the Professional and Business Woman's Club.

A delicious dinner was served to a capacity attendance. A very interesting program was then presented by students of the school in demonstration of their work in addition to artistic musical renditions by several young soloists.

It was very gratifying to see so much interest displayed in the school by the mothers and women of the church.

CHURCH CLOSES JUNE 8th

The church will close for the summer months the second Sunday of June, opening September 21st. The Liberalist will be published regularly every month. This will be the only means of keeping in touch with Dr. Bradley and the church affairs during the summer. As only subscribers will receive the Liberalist during this period, if you are not already on the subscription list, it would be well to send in your name and one dollar for a year's subscription as soon as possible. Each number contains a recent sermon preached by Dr. Bradley in the church.

INFORMATION PLEASE!

Have you changed your address this spring? If so will you kindly assist the secretary and work in the church office by telephoning or sending in your correct address? It is necessary to keep the address files up-to-date, to prevent waste of time, postage and complaints—that your church mail does not reach you. Please attend to this matter promptly. It will be greatly appreciated.

DR. BRADLEY'S NEW BOOKS

We are glad to announce the publication of two new books by Dr. Preston Bradley:

"NEW WEALTH FOR YOU"
Published by Frederick A. Stokes & Company of New York.

"MEDITATIONS"
A book of selected meditations from Dr. Bradley's Sunday morning services.
Published by The Monastery Press.

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These books are highly inspirational and helpful reading—just the thing to pick up at any time in those quiet moments which are beneficial to us all. They are especially encouraging for these difficult times.

In thinking of birthday gifts, these books will prove particularly satisfactory.

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CHRISTENINGS IN THE PEOPLES CHURCH

MAY 11

Karen Anne Gartner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Gartner.
Marilyn Ann Scheib, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred William Scheib.
Georgine Olander, daughter of Mr .and Mrs. George Olander.
Edward James Emery, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Emery.
Charles Joseph Porrot and Dennis Charles Porrot, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Joseph Porrot.
Darlene Jo-Anne Lawson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Lawson.

MAY 18

Bradley John Weinstock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weinstock.

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Weddings

MAY

3—Eonton Koubek and Adele Doerlan
Will Cokeing and Eleanor Chase
4—Russell Camp and Irene Widlic
10—F. Lee Townsend and Nellie M. Sumpter
17—Walter R. Nay and Betty Burke
Grover Cleveland Howe and Muriel M. Graham
Charles Warriner and Beulah Sutton
Christ Rolfsen and Dorothy Knudsen
31—Clarence Raymond Umenhofer and Louise V. Treichel

Funerals

MAY

3—Mr. Walter Brown. Cremation.
Dr. Sydney J. Knowles. Interment Rosehill.
6—Albert Bischoff. Interment Rosehill.
13—Mrs. Paul Holman. Interment Acacia Park.
16—Mr. Arthur Tindall. Cremation.
17—Dr. H. P. Fitzpatrick. Interment Mt. Hope.
23—Mrs. Ida Schraeder. Interment Graceland.

Dr. Bradley Kept the Following Engagements During the Month of May, 1941:

1—Address. Madison Chapter, American Institute of Banking, Madison Club, Madison, Wis.

2—Address. Assembly, State of Wisconsin, Capitol Building, Madison, Wis.
Radio Address. WBBM.
Address. Westminster Presbyterian Church, Milwaukee, Wis.

4—Service. Peoples Church.
Address. Harvard Congregational Church. Oak Park, Ill.

5—Annual Meeting, Woman's Club, Peoples Church. Edgewater Beach Hotel.
Fathers and Sons Dinner, Religious School of Peoples Church. Channing Hall.

7—Address. Ruth Lodge, Free Son's Club Room.

8—Annual Mothers' Day Address, Chicago Kiwanis Club. Hotel Sherman.
Book Review. Daughters of the Renaissance. Channing Hall.

9—Address. High School Assembly. Waller High School.
Radio Address. WBBM.

10—Address. 10th Annual Award Dinner Chicago Foundation for Literature. Blackstone Hotel.

11—Service. Peoples Church.
Address. 25th Anniversary XXX, YMCA Hotel.
Address. Warren Ave. Congregational Church.

12—Invocation. Illinois Grain Dealers Convention. Board of Trade Bldg.
Address. Ill. Federation of Women's Clubs, State Convention, Grand Ballroom, Hotel Sherman

13—Board Meeting. Illinois Normal School Board.
Radio Meeting and Conference.
Annual Banquet Address. Western Unitarian Conference. Peoples Liberal Church.

14—Address. Lawrence College, Appleton, Wis.

15—Address. Annual Dinner, I. W. L. A. Glen Ellyn, Ill.

16—Address. School Assembly, Tilden High School.
Radio Address. WBBM.
Address. Memorial Service. Masons of Eighteenth District. Circle Masonic Temple, Oak Park, Ill.

17—Invocation. Luncheon Conference of Club Presidents. Stevens Hotel.
Address. Annual Dinner Professional and Business Woman's Club. Tracey's on the Avenue.

18—Service. Peoples Church.
Address. Janesville, Wisconsin.

25—Address. Methodist Church. Hinckley, Illinois.

26—Address. Commencement. Coal City, Illinois.

27—Address. Genesee County Medical Society. Flint, Mich.

28—Address. Commencement. Fostoria, Ohio.

29—Address. Commencement. Findlay, Ohio.

30—Address. Memorial Day. City of Marseilles, Illinois.
Address. Commencement. La-Moille Public School. La-Moille, Illinois.

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CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS CALENDAR

USHER' CLUB

June 22—Picnic for Ushers and their families.
Lilymoor Beach and Country Club.
Lily Lake in Volo, Illinois.

All men interested in joining a bowling team this fall, see one of the ushers.

CHURCH SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

June 14—Annual Church School Picnic at Forest Glen Forest Preserve. Bring your own lunch. Coffee will be furnished.

WOMAN'S CLUB

Every Thursday—9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.—Red Cross Group—Channing Hall.

PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS WOMAN'S CLUB

Every Wednesday evening—8:00-10:00—Red Cross Group—Channing Hall.

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